

Conservation Security Program Self Assessment Tool

Pastureland

Minnesota, 2005

The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide a method for you to assess your Pastureland to help determine whether it meets the minimum CSP requirements for enrollment in 2005.

Directions: Read and answer each question by checking **Yes**, **No**, or **NA** (not applicable). A **NO** answer indicates your Pastureland may not meet the minimum criteria for enrollment into CSP.

Access to Natural Water Sources	YES	NO	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> Is livestock access to natural water sources (streams, lakes, springs, seeps, etc.) controlled? Controlled access means there is an access point constructed for the livestock, they are excluded entirely, or they have access to a water source only during the time of rotation through the pasture (6 days or less exposure).			

Stocking Rate	YES	NO	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the stocking rate for your pasture less than or equal to 950 pounds of herd weight per acre? To calculate this, divide the herd weight (using July as a base month) by the number of acres of pasture. Do not include areas of grazed woodland where the canopy cover of trees exceeds 25%.			

➤ List the typical number and type of livestock grazed during July

➤ Indicate your grazeable acres

Grazing System Management	YES	NO	NA
1. Do you have 6 or more paddocks in your pasture?			
2. Is the residual stubble height of the grazed forage when grazing is terminated in a paddock 4 inches or taller?			
3. Is the residual stubble height of your pastures when grazing is terminated in the fall 4 inches or higher?			
4. Is the length of the grazing period within each paddock 6 days or less per rotation?			

➤ Attach an aerial photo showing the locations of your paddocks

➤ Briefly describe your grazing management system



Conservation Security Program Self Assessment Tool

Pastureland

Minnesota, 2005

Livestock Watering System	YES	NO	NA
<input type="checkbox"/> Is water provided for the livestock in each of the paddocks?			

- **Attach an aerial photo showing locations of natural water sources, fences, and livestock watering system components (pipelines, troughs/tanks, etc.).**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____